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conclusions are less dependent upon local and transient conditions than are those of Bastiat. *The Economic Sophisms* are no more out of date than the *Wealth of Nations*."

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*Random Reminiscences of Men and Events.* By JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1909. 8vo, pp. ix+188. \$1.00.

This volume, made up of a series of articles originally contributed to the *World's Work*, is mainly of interest for such insight as it gives into the opinions and character of the author. Many of the topics upon which the public would be glad to get the author's point of view are not touched upon, and little new light is thrown upon the history of the Standard Oil Company, except in the Backus case, where the company appears to be completely justified.

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*The Federal Civil Service as a Career.* By EL BIE KEAN FOLTZ. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1909. 8vo, pp. ix+329. \$1.50.

There is a rapidly increasing demand from the government for men in the civil service and a growing recognition on its part that it is desirable to make that service attractive to men of ability. This volume, planned for those in the service, as well as those thinking of entering it, seeks to explain the opportunities offered, the best method of preparation, and the chance for public service, for such as do enter.

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*The Increasing Gold Supply.* Compiled by THOMAS GIBSON. New York: The Gibson Publishing Co., 1908. 8vo, pp. 134. \$1.00.

A symposium by various business men and economists as to the effect of the recent increase in the gold supply on security values, interest rates, and prices. A rather abortive attempt is made to represent both sides of the question, but the papers are hardly deep enough to be conclusive on either, and the make-up suggests an inclination to furnish an argument for a bull market.

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*The Duties and Liabilities of Bank Directors.* By EDGAR G. ALCORN. Columbus, O.: Financial Publishing Co., 1908. 8vo, pp. 174. \$2.00.

A simple, clear and brief statement of a bank director's duties, devoid of much attention to legal technicalities, and furnishing only an elementary introduction to the subject.